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B & 21ST STREETS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 12, 1928

Dear Sir:

We have on file incomplete information, obtained either from your previous reports or from news notes in current journals, concerning certain money set aside by your organization for the purpose of research.

On November 5, 1927 and again on January 9, 1928 we sent you our questionnaire asking for the data concerning this money, that we might include them in our survey of funds available in this country for scientific and technical research. So far we have had no reply from you, either giving the information or advising us that no funds are available.

We are anxious to publish the material as soon as possible, realizing that it is hardly fair to those organizations which have generously responded to hold the information until it is no longer current, but we cannot publish such a compilation unless it is, in some degree at least, complete. We believe that you will appreciate this situation and cooperate with us by replying soon.

Please notice that we desire information concerning all money set apart for research purposes, whether by annual appropriation or in a permanent fund, or whether it is to be used within the organization or institution, given as a grant to individuals or other institutions, or as a fund for medals, prizes or honorariums for research. The purpose of the bulletin is to present a survey of the funds available in the United States for scientific and technical research.

The following data are requested:

1. Name and address of organization administering fund:

2. Name of fund:

3. Date of establishment:

4. Name of donor:

5. Purpose of fund:

6. Capital: a. Original amount. b. Present amount
c. Annually available

7. Conditions governing fund or award:

Very truly yours,

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September 11, 1928

Dear Sir:

The material for the revision of our bulletin, "Funds Available in the United States for the Support and Encouragement of Research in the Sciences" is practically ready for publication.

From YOUR ASSOCIATION no reply has been received to the three letters which we have sent requesting information. If we have been misinformed through other publications, news notes, etc. in believing that you do support and encourage research either by annual appropriations for this purpose, or by grants to individuals, or through the presentation of medals and prizes for scientific achievement, we would appreciate it if you would so inform us. It would be of great help to us to have such a statement from you with which we would be able to answer any future criticisms of ommission.

If you have such funds, we want the information included by all means. A copy of the questionnaire is enclosed. Such information as you send will be written up in the form we are using and sent to you for your approval before it is published.

As we are anxious to get the material in print while the data are still current, a prompt reply would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RESEARCH INFORMATION SERVICE

C. J. West

C. J. West, Director.

13th September, 1928

Mr. C. J. West, Director,
Research Information Service,
National Research Council

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 11th referring to previous requests for data regarding funds available for research is at hand. This and previous letters asked for a reply if there are such funds available. On top of this, you point out that no reply has been received to three letters requesting information. As this Society and other similar societies receive dozens of such requests during the year, there is room for the assumption, in view of the form of your request, that no repky is necessary if we have nothing to send.

Please be advised that we have no awards which would warrant our filling out the questionnaire which you have sent us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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November 25, 1929

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed the data regarding your Society as they appeared in the first edition of our "Handbook of Scientific and Technical Societies of the United States and Canada."(1927).

In revising these, please keep in mind that in case your Society has established any laboratory or library, has created new research funds, prizes or medals, or has founded new publications, we should like to have full information regarding them in order that the data for the second edition may be complete.

Very truly yours,

RESEARCH INFORMATION SERVICE

C. J. West

C. J. West, Director.

November 25th 1929

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B & 12th Streets
Washington, D.C.

Attention C.J. West, Director.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning the copy regarding our Society, sent me for revision. You will note that I have been literal in accepting your invitation to revise this copy, and while most of the additions and deletions are of comparatively minor importance, I believe you will find they are in line with the accuracy with which you desire to have your handbook associated. For example, under the paragraph "Object", you have apparently included, after the semicolon, the objective of the Society before the archaeological phase of its initial incorporation was dropped. Further, the last list of our members published, was in the proceedings for 1926. The practice of printing these proceedings as part of the Numismatic Notes and Monographs, is no longer being followed,-hence the deletion in the final paragraph.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.